



Differential Response - Iowa

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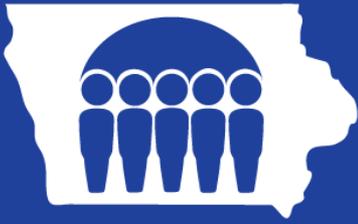
These are services provided to children who:

- are at-risk of abuse or neglect
- have been adjudicated a Child in Need of Assistance
- are at risk of becoming a delinquent
- have been adjudicated delinquent
- are transitioning from the foster care system into adulthood



Guiding Principles

- Children are safe
- Services must be available equally to all children statewide
- Children grow up best in their families
- Families can gain the skills necessary to effectively support their children
- Families need and deserve community support



Changes Started With Better Results For Kids (BR4K)

- Formalized Family Engagement Strategies
- Differential Response 1.0 (Community Care)
- Children of Color
- Population Differentiation
- Outcomes
- System Linkages
- Legislative Proposals



Legislation

- 2011 legislative session, House file 562, Child abuse registry.
- 2012 legislative session, House File 2226, directing DHS to conduct a “comprehensive review.
- 2013 legislative session, House File 590, directed DHS to implement DR.



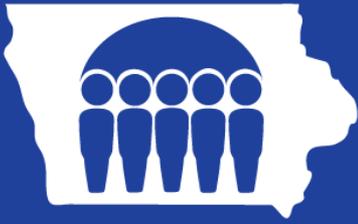
2012 Legislation - HF2226

- Comprehensive” Review
- Expertise of Workgroup
- CAPTA 2010 reauthorization
- Report provided December 2012
- Recommendations made to Legislature



Collaborative Effort

- Workgroup
- National assistance and state visit
- 23 states had implemented and determined:
 - child safety is not jeopardized
 - services can be in place more quickly
 - families are more motivated to use services
- Workgroups to support the design and performance measures



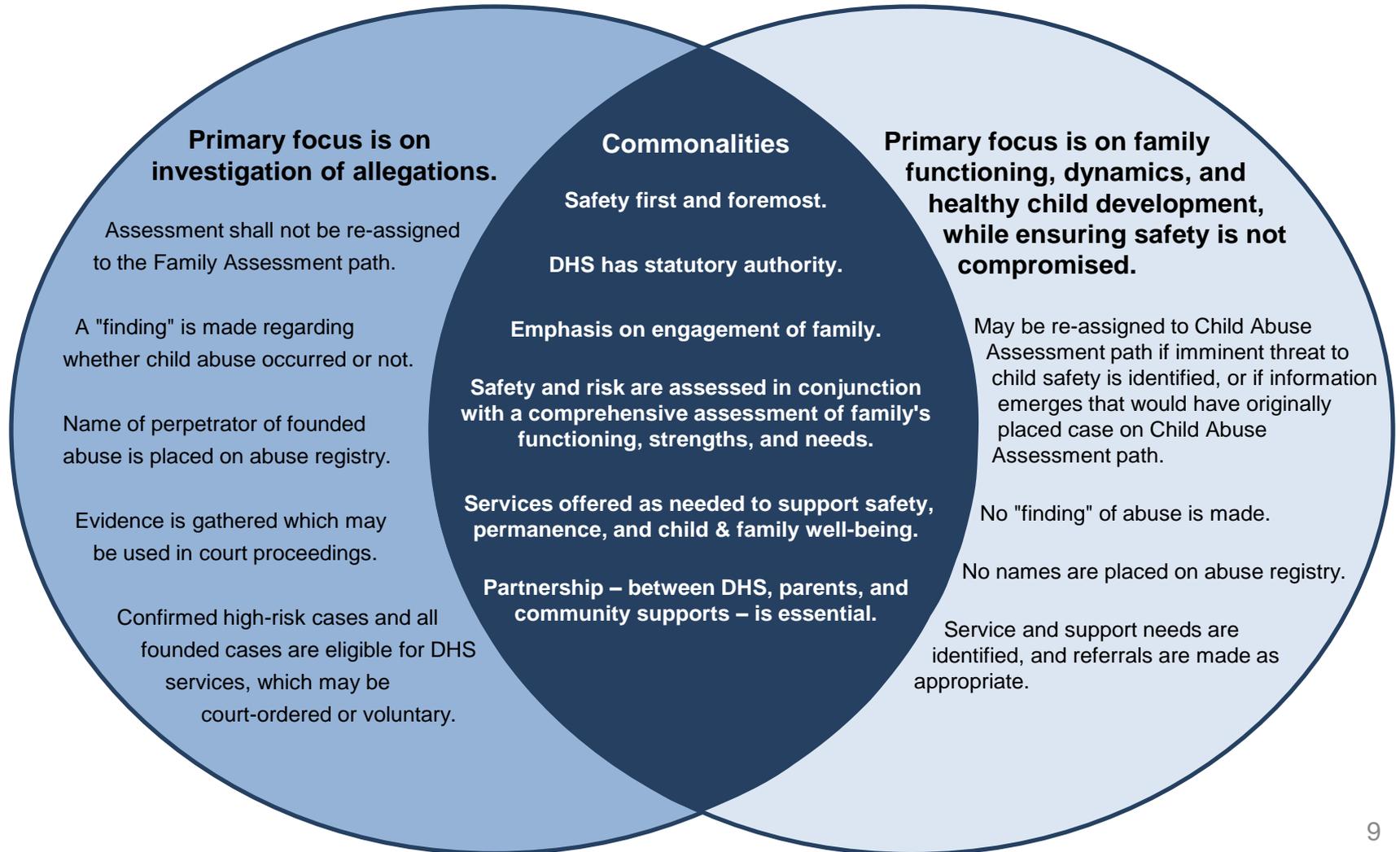
Principles and Assumptions of Differential Response

- Child Safety is first and foremost
- Circumstances and needs of families differ and so should the response
- Majority of reports do not need an adversarial approach or court intervention
- Best way to prevent child abuse is to help parents develop the skills and identify resources they need to meet a child's needs and protect the child from harm

Pathways

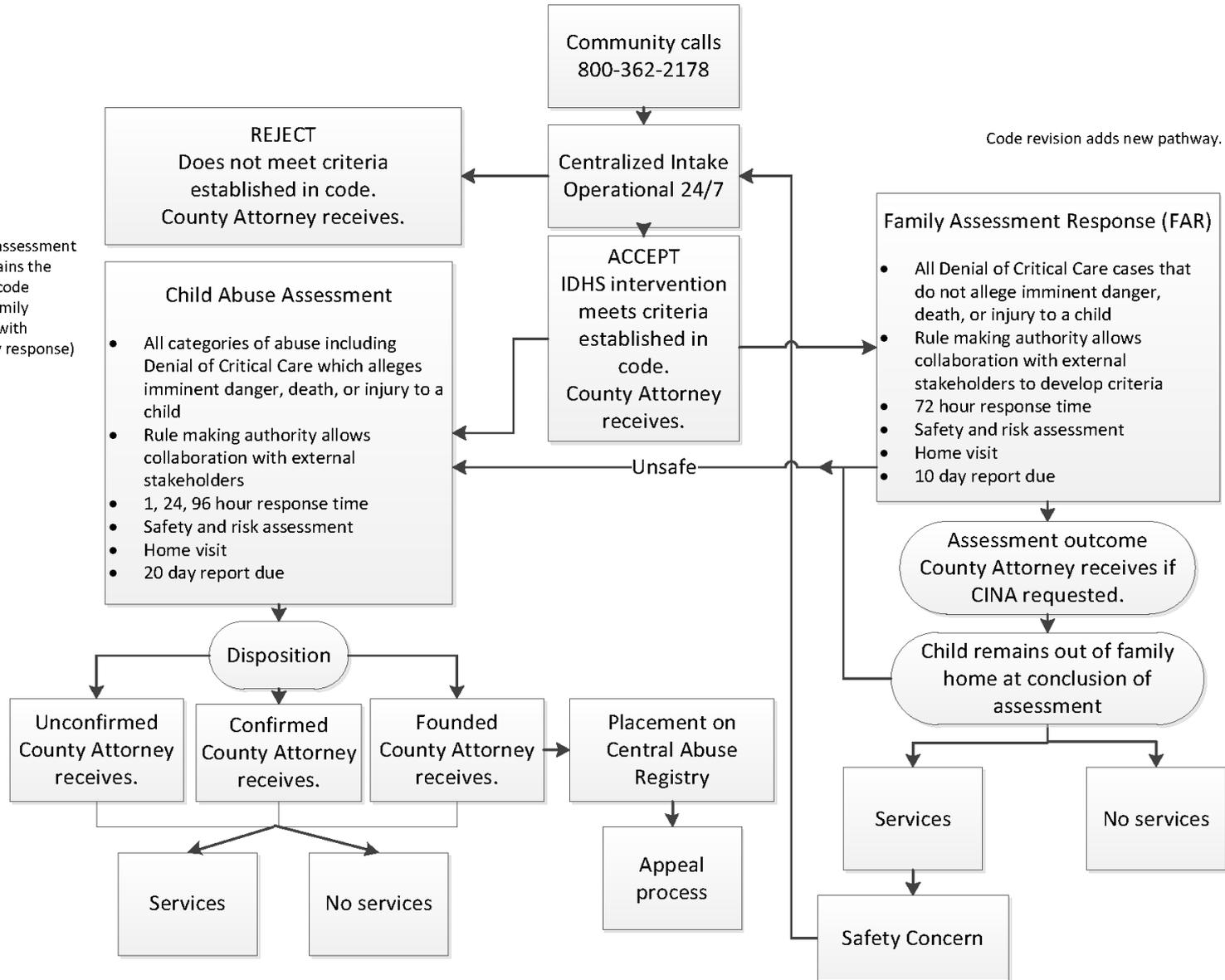
Iowa's Differential Response Approach Has Two Paths With the Common Goal of Keeping Children Safe

Child Abuse Assessment and Family Assessment



Iowa Differential Response

Child abuse assessment process remains the same in the code revision. (Family Assessment with Investigatory response)



Iowa Administrative Rule, Ch. 441-175(2)(b)

Intake Screening Tool - Determining the Assessment Type

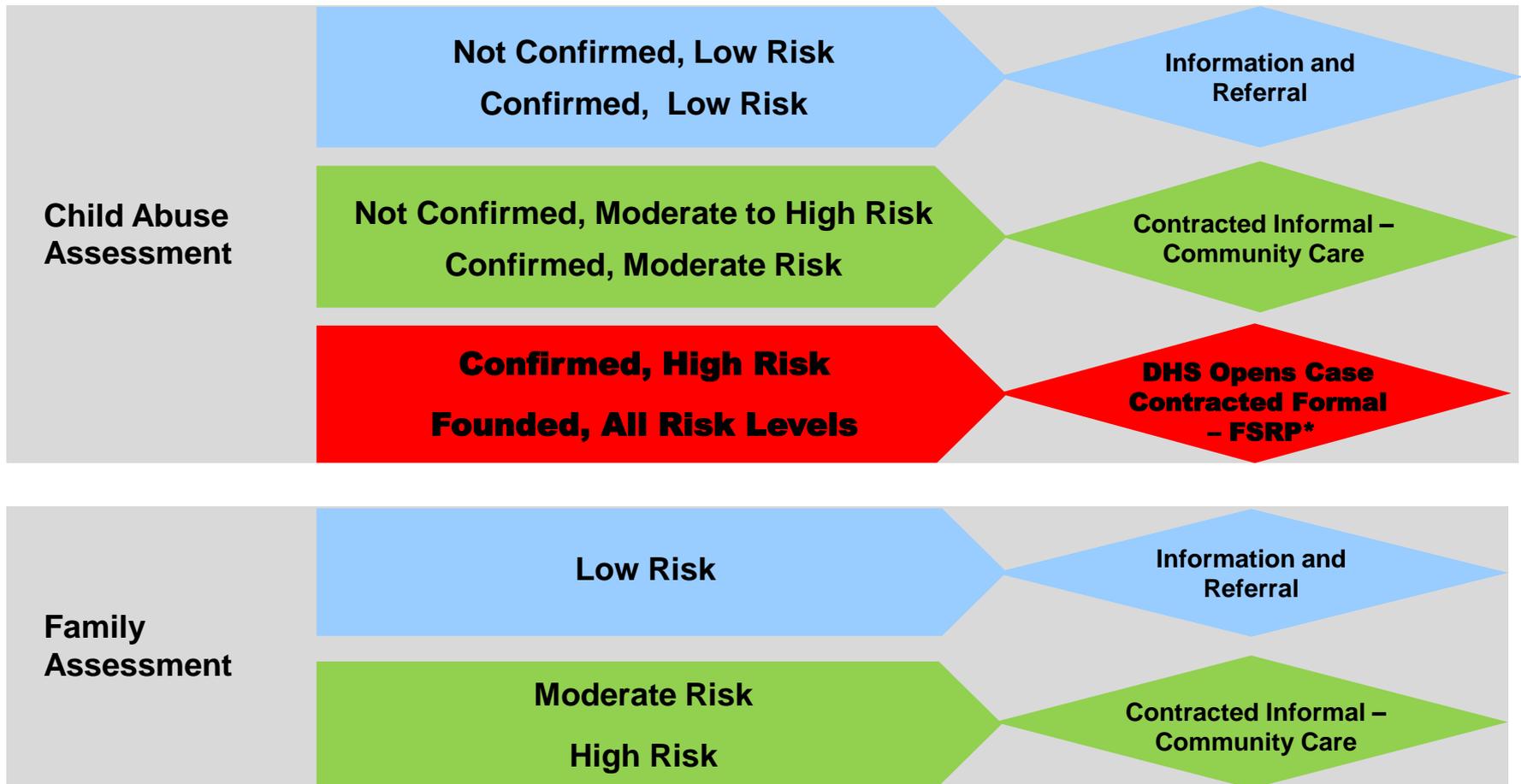
Check the box for ALL statements known to be true. If one statement is true the response shall be a child abuse assessment NOT a family assessment.

- The alleged abuse type includes a category other than Denial of Critical Care.
- The allegation requires a 1 -hour response or alleges imminent danger, death, or injury to a child.
- The allegation is meth and at least one child victim is under six years old.
- There is a separate incident open on the household that requires a child abuse assessment.
- The child has been taken into protective custody as a result of the allegation.
- There is an open DHS service case on the alleged child victim or any sibling or any other child who resides in the home or in the home of the non-custodial parent if they are the alleged person responsible.
- The alleged person responsible is not a parent (birth or adoptive), legal guardian, or a member of the child's household.
- There has been TPR (in juvenile count) on the alleged person responsible or any caretaker who resides in the home.
- There has been prior Confirmed or Founded abuse within the past 6 months which lists any caretaker who resides in the home as the person responsible.
- It is alleged that illegal drugs are being manufactured or sold from the family home.
- The allegations failure to thrive or that the caregiver has failed to respond to an infant's life-threatening condition.
- The allegation involves an incident for which the caretaker has been charged with a felony under chapter 726 of the Iowa Code (including neglect or abandonment of a dependent person; child endangerment resulting in the death, serious injury, or bodily injury of a child or minor; multiple acts of child endangerment; or wanton neglect of a resident of a health care facility resulting in serious injury).

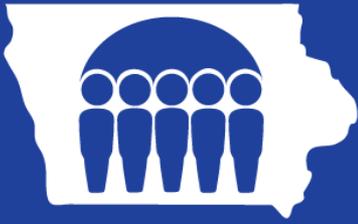
How are services determined?

State of Iowa Differential Response Assessment Outcome & Service Provision

Effective 1/1/14



* Family Safety Risk and Permanency Services

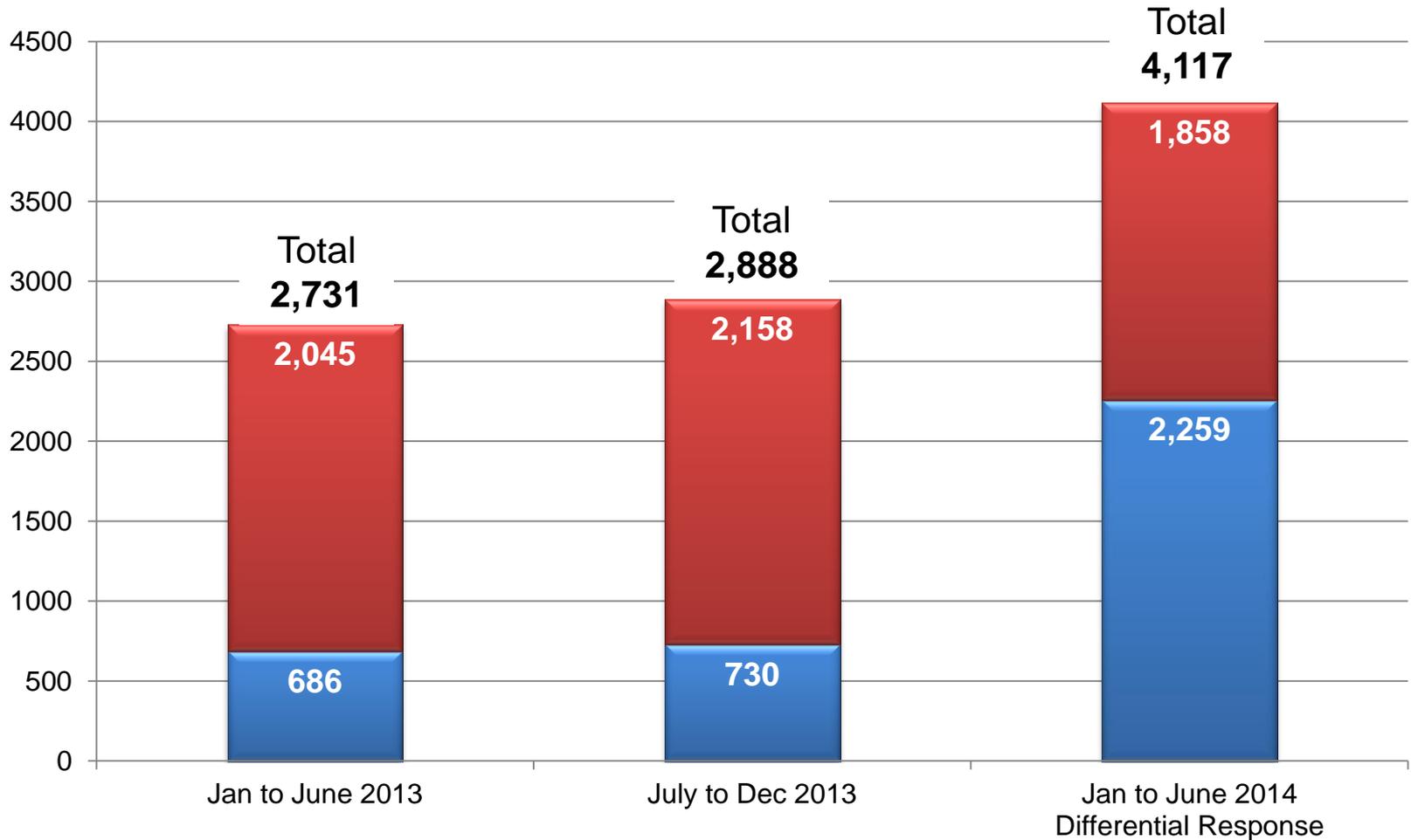


Measuring Success - Process

- Pathway assignment and reassignment
- Total Service Referrals
- More results are on the DHS website at:
<http://dhs.iowa.gov/child-welfare/differential-response>

Total Service Referrals

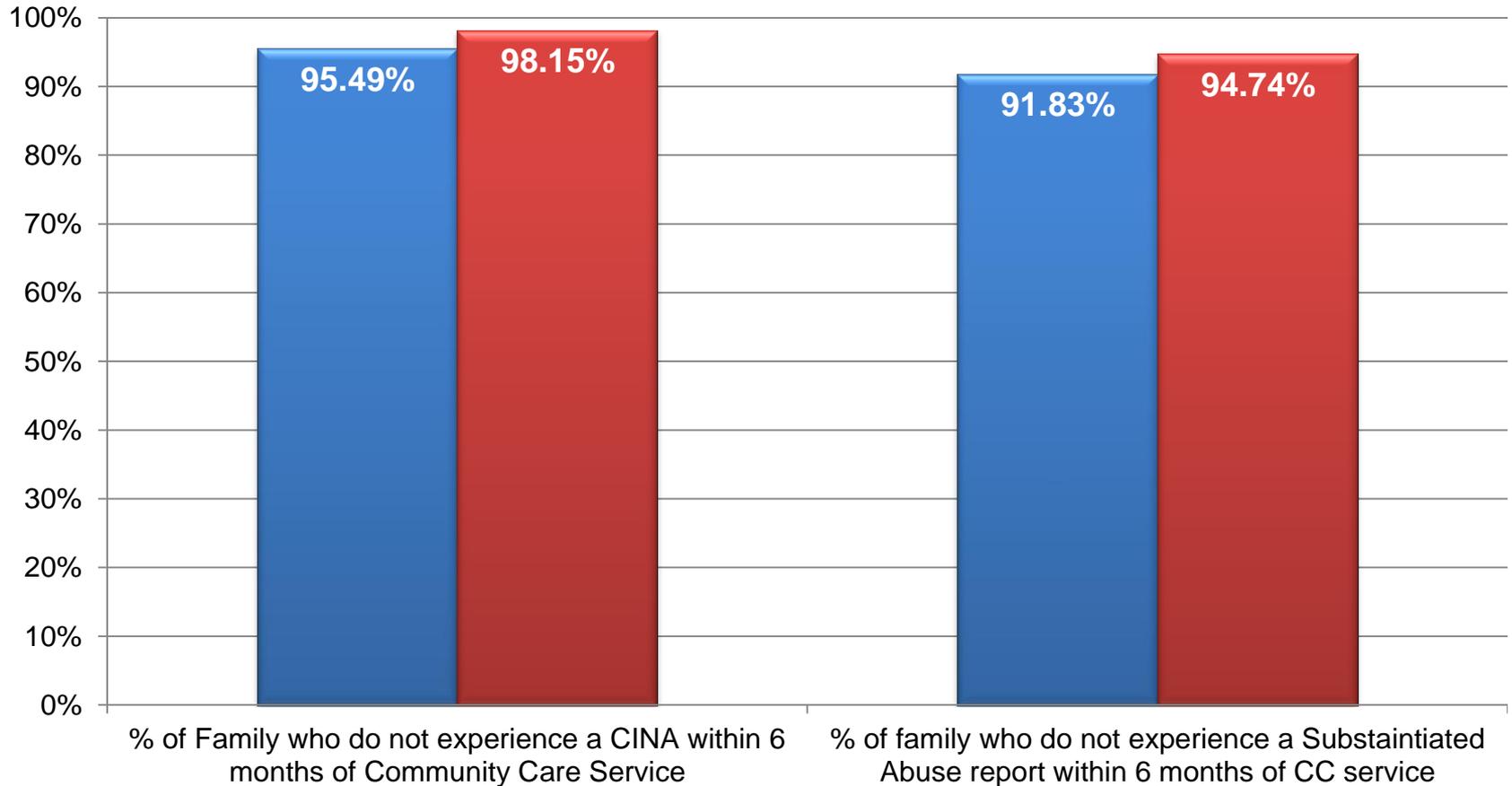
Community Care FSRP



Community Care Outcome Comparison

■ First 3 Quarters 2013

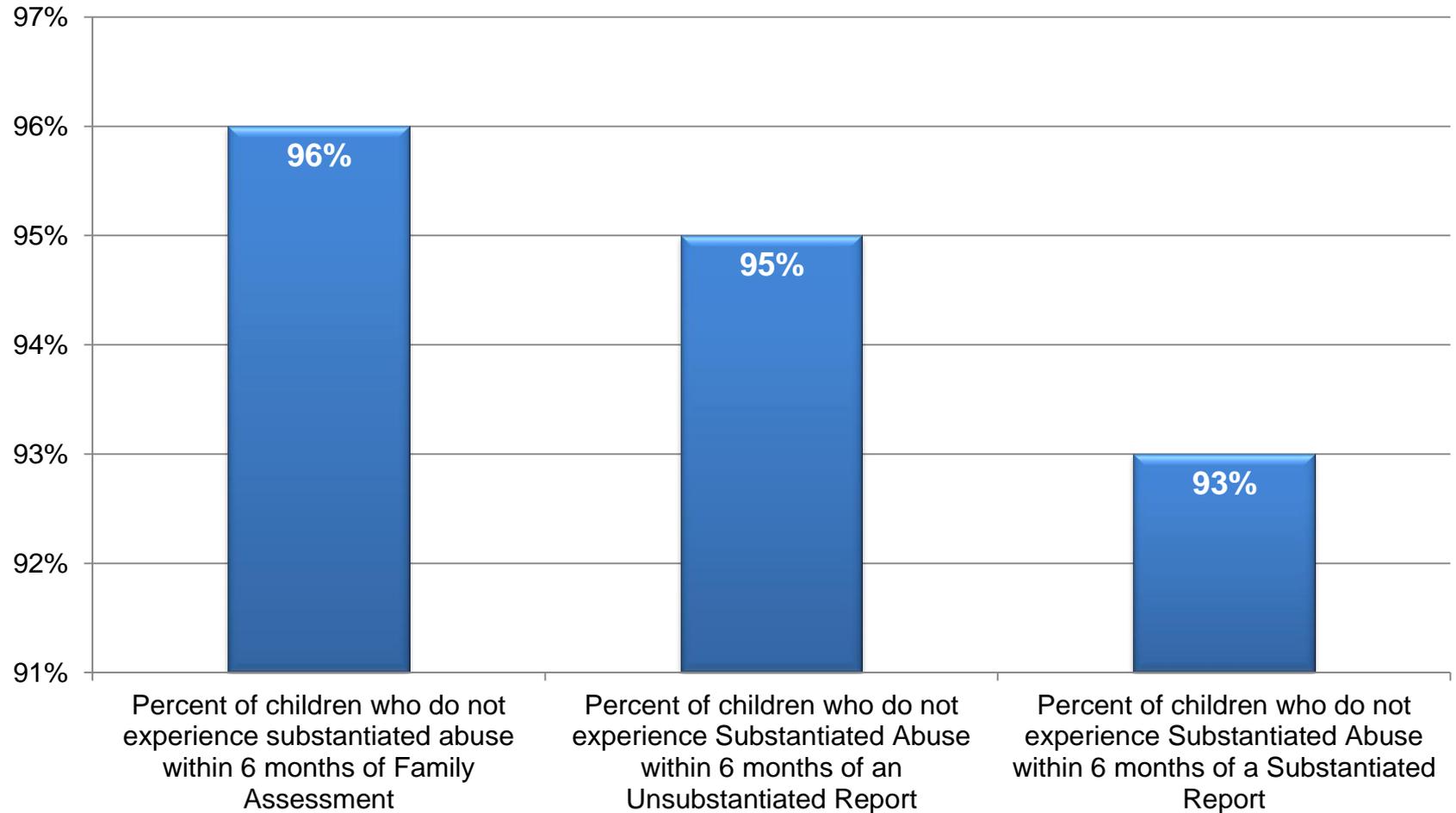
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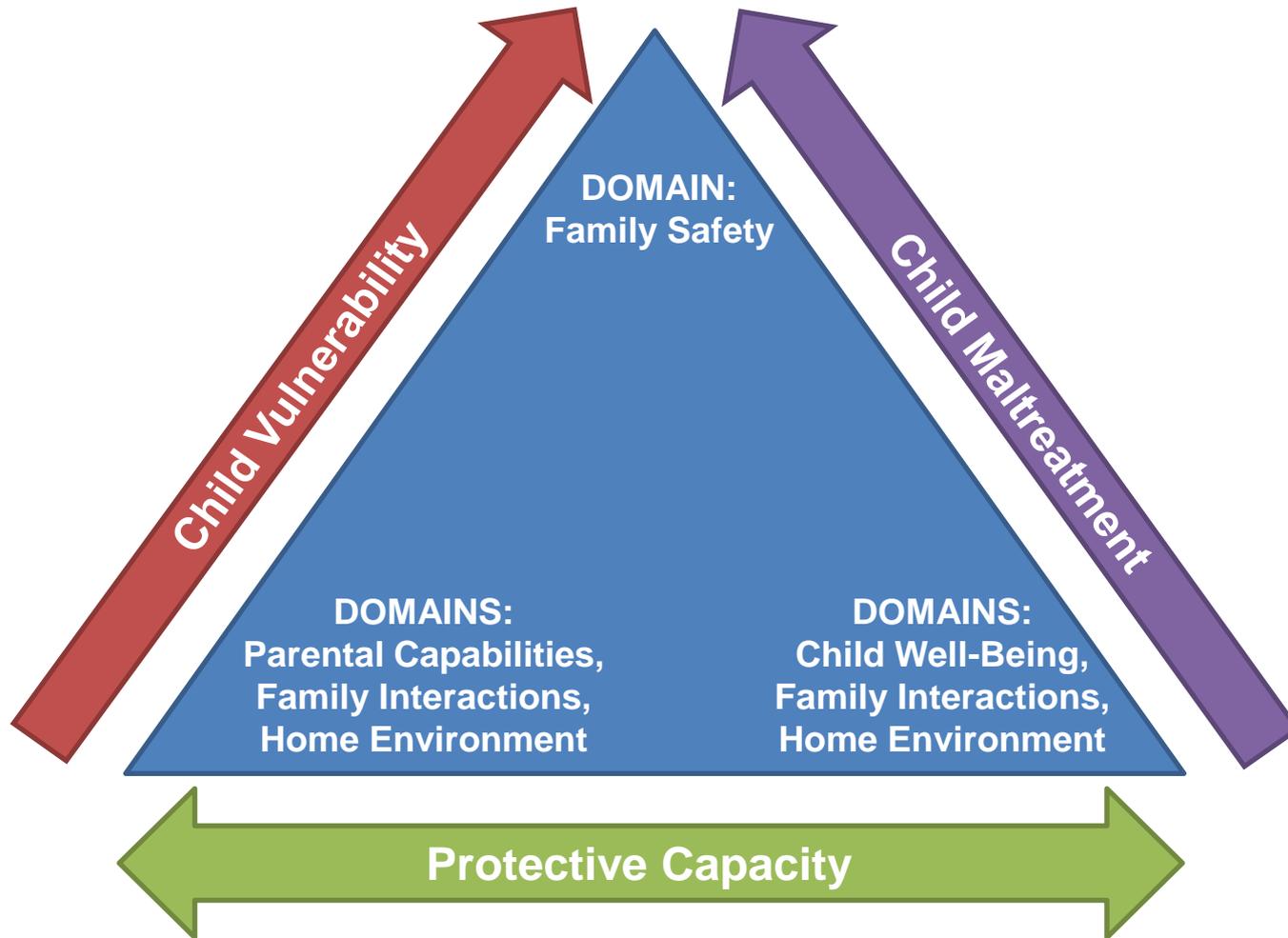
Safe from Abuse or Neglect

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Safety & Risk



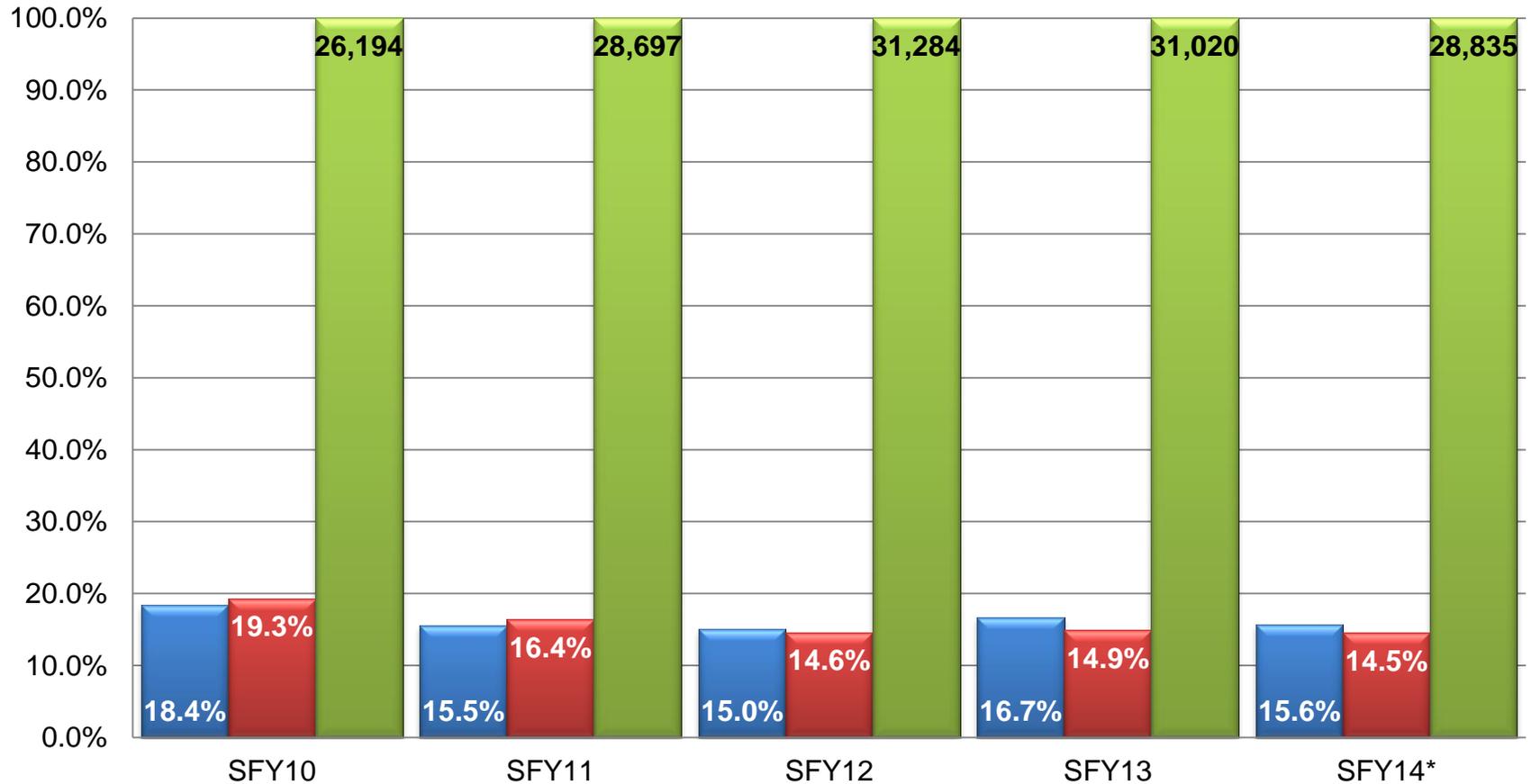


Answering Concerns

- CINA and Foster Care Entries
- Substantiated Sexual Abuse
- FSRP Referrals

CINA Filings and Foster Care Entries Comparison

■ CINA Filings
 ■ Foster Care Entries
 ■ At Risk and/or Abused

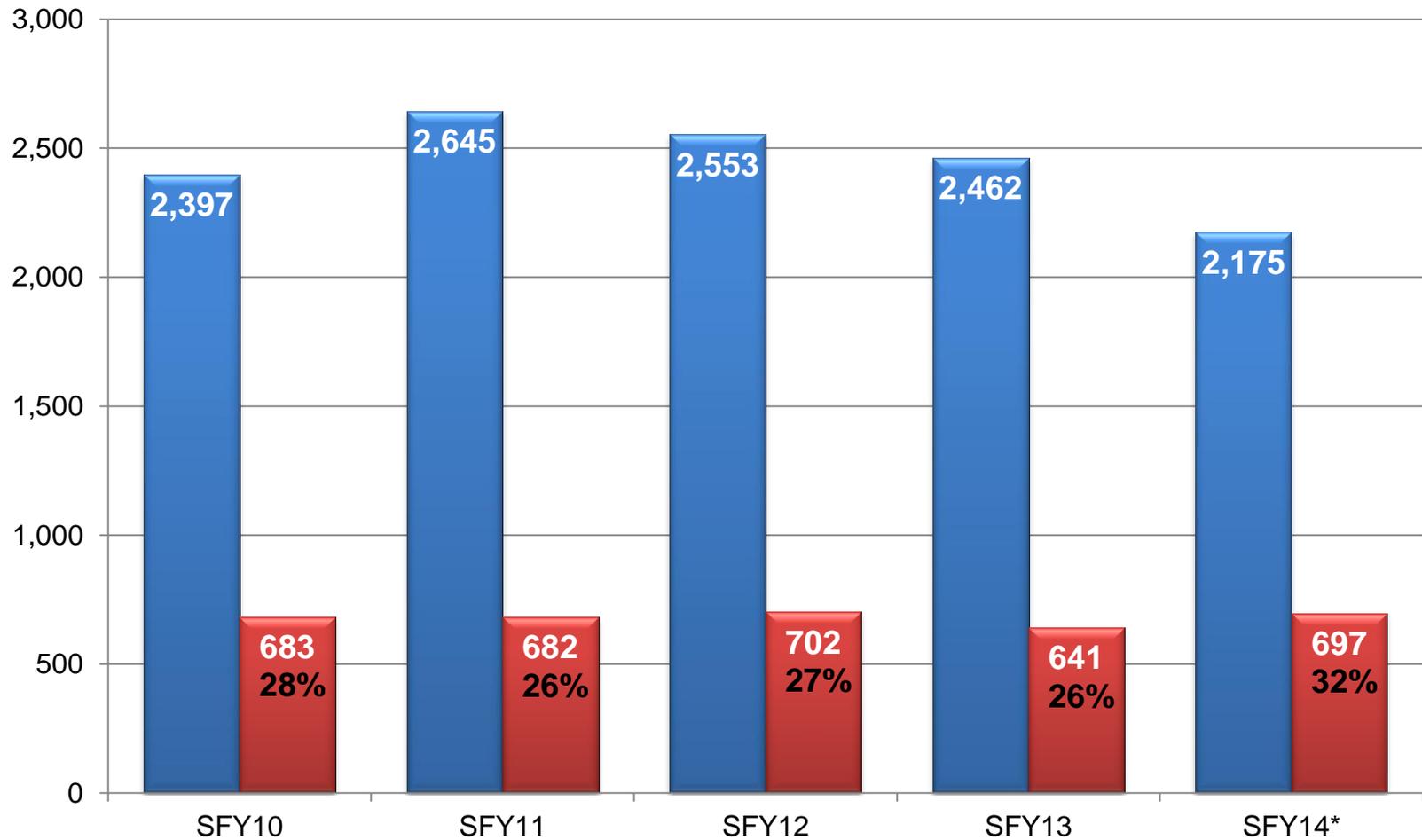


* 6 months of Differential Response

Substantiated Sexual Abuse

■ Total Sexual Abuse Allegations

■ Substantiated Sexual Abuse Allegations



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Family Safety Risk and Permanency Referrals (FSRP)

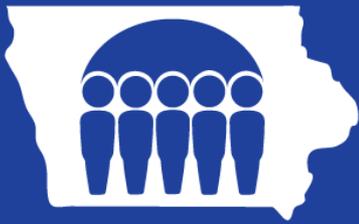


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Next Steps

- Future shifts in populations
- Continue to monitor national landscape
- Continue to monitor process measures
- Continue to develop and/or monitor outcome measures
- Procurement considerations



Additional Information

- Thanks and we look forward to working with all of you as we continue to strive towards positive outcomes for children and families
- Additional materials regarding Iowa DR may be found at: <http://www.dhs.iowa.gov/child-welfare/differential-response>